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\$1 million donated to Learning Center

By Gina Norelli
Features Editor

Those working in the University Learning Center have been practicing the pronunciation of a certain name for days. A name associated with generosity and thoughtfulness. A name that will ensure that the facilities available

for learning disabled students will continue to improve for years to come.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the ULC has been renamed the Jandrisevits Learning Center, after receiving a \$1 million donation from Anne Jandrisevits, a friend of the University. The donation, also in honor of the donor's late husband Peter, will be specifically

allocated for equipment, services and financial aid for learning disabled students at SHU.

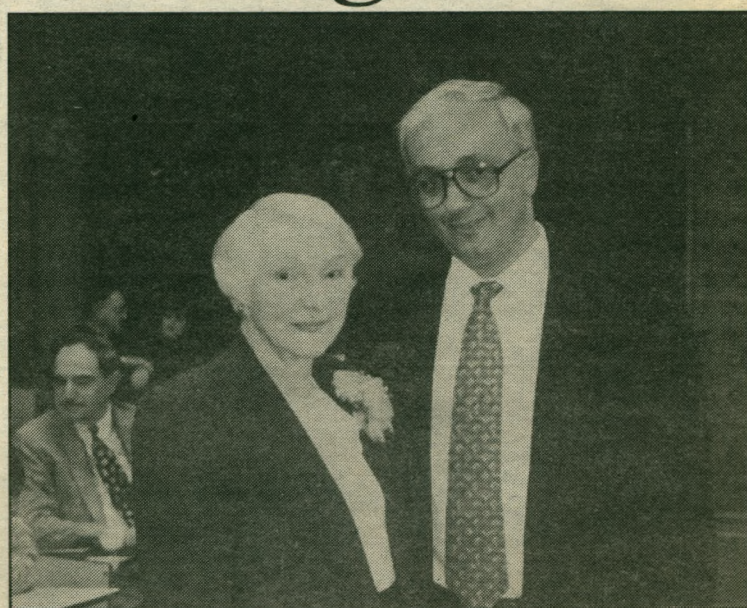
"Anne quietly reaches out to those she knows need to be touched by kindness," said a spokesman on a video presentation shown at the ceremony held in the Schine Auditorium.

Dozens of Jandrisevits' family and friends attended the ceremony.

"I can honestly say, without the help of the special tutors in the Jandrisevits Learning Center, I would not have made it through some of my classes," said Anna Mastrolillo, a learning disabled senior who spoke at the ceremony.

Jackie Rinaldi, director of the Learning Center, said that learning disabilities affect approximately 15 percent of the population.

President Anthony Cernera said that Anne is a modern-day heroine, and a role model for everyone. "In today's me-world, Anne thought not of herself, but of others," said Cernera.



Anne Jandrisevits, left, and Dr. Anthony Cernera. Jandrisevits donated \$1 million to the University Learning Center on Tuesday afternoon.
Photo By Iora Marcella

Offices to relocate

By Ayoma Perera
News Co-Editor

The Business and Finance Offices located in the Administration Building will soon be operating in a new setting at Lindeman Drive.

The move is scheduled to take place before the end of the academic year.

"This move is a good idea since it frees up space for faculty and classes," said Lisa Boland, controller. "However, the negative side is that we lose

contact with the students and the daily heartbeat of the University. Although Lindeman Drive is only four miles down the road, it seems like 50 miles," she added.

All offices including Payroll and Accounts Payable will be relocated to office space at Lindeman Drive on Old Town Road, four miles from Sacred Heart University. The move is causing concern among some stu

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LaLiberty resigns from position

By Michele Herrmann
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Although he came in to coach two women's sports, Dave LaLiberty has resigned from his position with ice hockey to focus his attention toward soccer.

"The two possibilities here, back to back, are a lot of work and I want to focus on one sport—soccer. It's been very interesting, but I think it's a decision better made sooner than later," LaLiberty said. "I've enjoyed the experience of coaching both but the combination is difficult."

LaLiberty arrived at Sacred Heart Fall 1995 for women's

soccer and instated his position as women's ice hockey coach in Fall 1996, when the program began.

The original team roster contained 17 members, one with previous experience and the rest having none but an interest in playing.

Women's hockey ended their season this year 9-3-1, and is an independent varsity team. Currently, the team is aiming to join the ECAC alliance for their 1998-1999 season, which will enable them to compete in tournaments.

"I think he did the best he could with the knowledge he had of the game and the best with the difference in playing levels and skill levels," said Stephanie Marchand, a goalie and team co-

captain. "I was very shocked to hear he wasn't coming back."

Players have acknowledged LaLiberty's work in developing a rookie program, but think that women's ice hockey should continue growing toward a more advanced level.

"I think he's not what we expected in a college coach," said one anonymous player.

"Our coach had a definite game plan," said Anna Alveari, a freshman goalie. "He wanted us to do well, but didn't have the same goals we did... he just wasn't prepared to take us there."

"He brought us to where we are now, but there is potential to go to an even higher level," said co-captain Jen Ford.

By Bruce Carlson
Staff Writer

The Global Studies program at Sacred Heart will undergo change next spring for the first time since its existence with the resignation of the director.

Dr. Katherine Kidd, director of the global studies program, has resigned after five years. A different approach to study abroad will be determined by University President Anthony J. Cernera and other faculty members.

"There will be a philosophical shift in the program, but not in the overall experience of the students," said Jim Barquinero, vice president for enrollment planning and student affairs.

Studying abroad, according to an article by Karen W. Arenson

in the New York Times, has become a trend for the American student due to the demand for foreign experience in the workplace. The number of students studying abroad has risen in recent years.

Cernera intends to construct a "personal and better program—staying with the students while they are away."

To do this, Cernera is planning to establish a program with SHU facilities overseas. Recently, Cernera; Dr. Richard Farmer, dean of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education; and Dr. Walter Brooks, associate professor of Religious Studies, traveled to Ireland in search

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Mayoral hopeful lectures on need for education



Ruth Messinger, mayoral candidate for New York City
Contributed Photo

Kristyn Mulry
News Co-Editor

Providing better education and the need for people to become involved in the move for change were the main topics of a lecture last Friday in the Schine Auditorium.

Ruth Messinger, Manhattan borough president and Democratic mayoral candidate for New York City, said that the heart of her campaign is in education. The challenge is determining how to provide better educational resources for future generations, she said.

"Anytime you want some-

thing to happen, there is a political process," said Messinger. For anything that people want changed, they must unite with others and convey their message to the larger public, she added.

Messinger entered the political sphere 20 years ago when she was elected to the School Board.

She was angry about City Hall's proposal to shorten school days to balance New York's budget. She decided to involve herself in the fight against the proposal, which was ultimately rejected.

Since 1990, Messinger has

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NEWS BRIEFS

Photographs wanted for Senior Video

Any seniors who have photographs of themselves and friends that they would like included in the Senior Video are asked to drop them off in the Student Government Office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 15. These pictures must be of seniors only.

Technology forum at Sacred Heart

A breakfast forum, "Unleashing Human Potential: Science and Technology for the New Millennium," will take place Thursday, April 10 from 8-10:30 a.m. in the Mahogany Room.

Highlights include: Keynote address by Dr. Andrew DeRocco, commissioner of Higher Education, State of Connecticut; displays of Sacred Heart University student research in science and technology; and an update on new science and technology programs and facilities on campus.

For additional information, contact Dean Golembeski or Don Harrison in Public Relations at (203) 371-7970.

Grant to teacher enhancement program

A \$65,160 state grant has been awarded to Sacred Heart's SMART Center teacher enhancement program — the largest grant given among a total of \$400,040 to nine colleges, universities and museums designed to improve teaching and learning in math and science.

The 17-year-old program provides year-round workshops for hundreds of K-12 science and math teachers around the state. The program received a \$72,000, three-year grant from The Barnes Foundation, Inc. of East Hartland and a \$12,500 grant from The Chase Manhattan Foundation in New York.

Four deans to visit campus

Candidates for deanships of Sacred Heart's four colleges will be available to meet with faculty members today through April 16. The candidates will meet with faculty of their respective disciplines. For more information and a schedule, contact the Provost's Office at ext. 7702.

— Compiled by Kristyn Mulry & Ayoma Perera



Winners of the 1997 Charles Plohn Art Scholarships are, from left: Mark DiGiovanna, a sophomore from Waterbury; Jason Mastrianni, a sophomore from Southbury; Melynda Nhatavong, a sophomore from New Haven, and Scott Antifonario, a junior from Dracut, Mass. In the center is art instructor Virginia Zic of Newton. The Plohn Scholarship is the University's most prestigious art award.

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Campus safety addressed

By Wendi Plescia and T.J. Leonard
Contributing Writers

In an in-depth talk to a journalism class recently, the Director of Public Safety said that safety on campus is the first priority.

Director of Public Safety William O'Connell stated that blue-light emergency phones, surveillance cameras, and a comprehensive five-year plan are part of his future security goals for the University.

"One of my major challenges is to educate the entire University community about how important public safety is on this campus," said O'Connell.

Referring to crimes on campus, O'Connell said, "All too often human nature is too over-trusting, overly confident that those things can't happen to me."

O'Connell said that his five-year plan for Public Safety coincides with the rapid growth of the University.

"I am hoping to tap into that growth mode," he said, "and show in a five-year plan how incrementally we should improve Public Safety. What we need. Where we're going. The amount of money it would take to do that."

The Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, which mandates the publication of campus crime information, was of particular concern to O'Connell.

"I have always felt the information should be public," he said. "I would talk to anybody and give them as much information as I think I can legally give them."

The Fall 1996 Report issued by Public Safety contained all the information on crime statistics that could be reported. But the report does not take into

account incidents in which students did not face official police action.

Campus crime reports "are required to give arrest figures for liquor law violations, drug abuse violations, and weapons possessions," said O'Connell. "We have all zeros. But that doesn't really tell you the whole story, and that is primarily because we don't have arrest authority." The result, said O'Connell, is that reports issued by colleges "do not accurately reflect what is going on on campuses."

But this will change, according to O'Connell, when the law is rewritten to say "incidences of" instead of "arrests for." Then the number for crime statistics would be much higher, he added.

"I'm concerned with the facts and the truth," said O'Connell. "If we can get students, faculty, and staff to report every incident and crime that occurs on campus, we'll have a much better grasp of what's happening on campus, where we need to address it, and where we need to divert resources."

Besides adding blue-light emergency phones on campus, O'Connell called himself an "advocate of cameras." Surveillance cameras would be added to Taft as well as both entrances and exits to the University to help curb crimes such as car thefts.

In reference to comments about Public Safety, O'Connell stated, "I want to hear the good, the bad and the ugly."

"If officers are not being visible, or not doing what we expect them to do, we have to address that," he said. "But I'd like to hear some complaints as well," he added.

O'Connell believes in readiness, rather than reacting to a situation after the fact.

"Far too often some institutions are overly reactive and not proactive," O'Connell added. "And I would much rather be proactive and spend the money now on preventive measures."

Students claim laptops underused

By T.J. Leonard
Contributing Writer

In the fall of 1995, Sacred Heart began requiring all incoming students to purchase a laptop computer. It was stated that the computers would be used in all areas of Sacred Heart life and the use of computers in the classroom was emphasized.

However, students claim that their laptop computers are not used in the classroom.

"The computers seem to serve no real purpose except to make the University look good," said Valerie Smith, a former student from New Haven.

The laptops, which retailed for over \$4000, cost students entering the University in the fall of 1995 approximately \$2,400,

payable in installments every semester.

"My parents were told that all classrooms were going to be hooked up to the Internet and that regular notebooks were going to be obsolete," said Dawn Anderson, a junior English major from Naugatuck. "I do not see that happening at all."

From the inception of the mobile computing program, the University was quick to enforce the program on students.

"After I received my computer, it left the box only once, to be used in my freshman seminar class," said Smith. "I even had one professor tell me that she did not want anyone to bring their computers to class. She felt that we would play with them."

According to Denise Richardson, information services

director of operations, things are slowly changing.

"In the spring 1997 schedule, there were 28 classes which required students to have laptop computers.

In addition, lab sections encourage the use of laptops for data collection for later analysis. It would be a mistake to perceive laptops as useful only in a classroom setting."

Some students use their computers to take notes in class, E-mail friends at other universities and to communicate with faculty and students at Sacred Heart.

According to Richardson, students will find more uses for their computers in the future. "There are still many other uses being explored and implemented for laptop computers."

Messinger: stresses action

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served as Manhattan Borough President.

"I don't believe in being cynical about politics because I have seen it work," she said.

The difficulty in bringing about change is bringing people together.

The two major reasons for this are people's mistrust of politicians and the feeling that they can't make a difference, Messinger explained.

She emphasized the importance of voting.

Individuals make a positive difference when they vote and take action, she said. If they do nothing, they are making a nega-

tive difference, she added.

"I think she's really very good as a speaker and she's very committed to politics," said Sylvia Watts, director of the Academic Incentive Program, who attended the event.

As Borough President, Messinger has argued for campaign finance reform laws which prevent people from "buying" their way into office.

New York law now limits the amount that people are allowed to donate to political campaigns.

"The point she made that everyone should vote is very important," commented Messinger's father, Bill Wyler.

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Second run for AIDS course

By Erin E. Harrison
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Liberal arts colleges, such as Sacred Heart University, offer mainstream as well as diverse courses in several points of study. Although what may not be so mainstream is the course "Representing AIDS," which is being offered for its second run.

Louise Spence, Ph.D., associate professor of media studies, and Carl Lewis, a social worker who also works with people infected by HIV, will again co-instruct the course this fall. According to Lewis, in the early years of AIDS, the media gave an unfair portrayal of the disease.

"Representing AIDS," or MS 200, will analyze not only representations of disease, but also representations of people with AIDS and how this is related to the epidemic's constituencies. The course will generally explore representations of AIDS in the media and the changing ways in which HIV/AIDS has been and is being portrayed in aspects of the media.

According to Lewis, Spence "felt strongly that the course be team-taught." The two were first connected at Hunter College in New York where Lewis was Spence's student. Now a social worker and clinical team leader at a parole treatment program for substance abusive HIV-infected

or affected people, Lewis believes that in mainstream media, "people are a lot more sympathetic to AIDS because there's not many who haven't been touched by it." Lewis himself has lost several friends and a lover to AIDS.

The course will also examine such questions as: are there potential contradictions in the interests of media makers, funders, their subjects and viewers?; how is the struggle for expression affected by language?; by cultural bias?; by economic constraints?; by censorship?

"The early lack of coverage of AIDS in the media is appalling and unforgivable," said Lewis. "It took celebrities to bring it into media, whereas before it was 'the faggots' and 'the drug users.'"

Lewis also said, "The focus still often remains on populations that have been stigmatized."

MS 200 will meet weekly on Monday evenings, 5:10 to 8:30 p.m. It will require readings, screenings and written and oral reports. The course fulfills the B-1 area distribution requirement. There is no prerequisite and enrollment is limited to 20 students.

For additional information, contact Dr. Spence at extension 7757.

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38 days 'til graduation**

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of possible sites.

To accommodate the needs of every student, Cernera is in the process of establishing "articulation agreements" with other colleges and universities.

So far two universities in Korea — Yonsei University and Catholic University in Seoul — are associated with SHU.

When questioned about the future of study abroad program at Sacred Heart, Kidd said, "Since I'm leaving the University, it's better to ask others about the future."

The success of the program now in progress is evident with the increase in students opting to study abroad.

"The scholarships awarded

to the students suggest the program is doing well," said Kidd.

Students are disappointed with Kidd's decision to leave and feel that the future of the program is at stake.

"Kidd's resignation is a great loss to the SHU community," said Jennifer Thurston, a senior media studies major from Ronkonkoma, N.Y. who studied in England under Kidd's study abroad program.

"Dr. Kidd played a vital role in the SHU Study Abroad program. She has become a wonderful friend and plays an important role in my life," said Thurston.

The reason for Kidd's resignation was an offer from Fairfield University to head the International Studies program.

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2:00-5:30pm Mahogany Room

Corporate Recruitment Day - April 18
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Public Relations Forum - April 23
Learn about the Public Relations Field from the experts !
5:30-7:30 Mahogany Room

Summer Job Recruitment Day- April 25
Full Time and Part Time Opportunities
9:30-5pm Ryan Matura Library

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MIT guarantees ROTC scholarships of gays

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology says it will guarantee financial aid packages to ROTC students who lose their federal scholarships because they are gay.

MIT, along with many colleges with anti-discrimination policies, has long grappled with how to preserve federally funded ROTC programs that bar open homosexuals and—at the same time—not violate university policies.

Since the 1960s, many campuses have banned the ROTC program. But MIT stood to lose funds from the Department of Defense for research or other purposes if it did not preserve its ROTC program.

The Vatican goes online

Just in time for Easter Sunday, the Vatican unveiled its new website (www.vatican.va) March 24, powered by three computers named after angels and known as "The Holy See."

The site will include more than 1,200 Catholic Church documents and Papal speeches, as well as interactive images of the Vatican Museums' treasures and sound bites from Vatican Radio.

Catholics will be able to check the site for the church's definitive stance on a number of issues, from birth control to abortion to female priests.

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dents and administrative staff.

"I am not happy about this move and feel it might hinder the performance of our jobs as far as handing out checks," said Catherine Salvatore, payroll

clerk. "We will not be handing out paychecks anymore which is going to affect the students because we won't be on campus to answer any questions or concerns," she added.

"It will be more inconvenient for the students because our inquiries will not be addressed immediately," said senior nursing major Jennifer Platt from Abington.

The issue about the paychecks has been discussed, according to Assistant Vice President of Finance James Sheehan.

"I anticipate that provisions will be made to bring the checks to campus, and any questions regarding the checks can be made via telephone calls," said Sheehan.

"This is the sum total of my

specific knowledge of what we will be facing," he added.

The consensus is that the move will obstruct the job performances of many employees, since the offices will be located off campus and away from students and the University community in general.

"We are trying to coordinate such that any service students need will be on campus," said Charles Bontempo, design assistant.

The School of Business and Continuing Education will be housed in the Administration Building.

"This is only a temporary location and I think it will better the University by consolidating all the faculty in a common area," added Bontempo.

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Irresponsible students should reevaluate

This campus has witnessed several disrupting events at the residence halls since the University made the transition from a commuter school.

Irresponsible, immature behavior on the part of students lowers the quality of our University. An example is the recent fight that broke out at South Hall which only distressed our community.

If we as students choose to overlook such ongoing, Sacred Heart will regress. Perhaps inebriated students who carry out volatile actions do not belong in a university setting. College is indeed a time to have fun, but to do so responsibly.

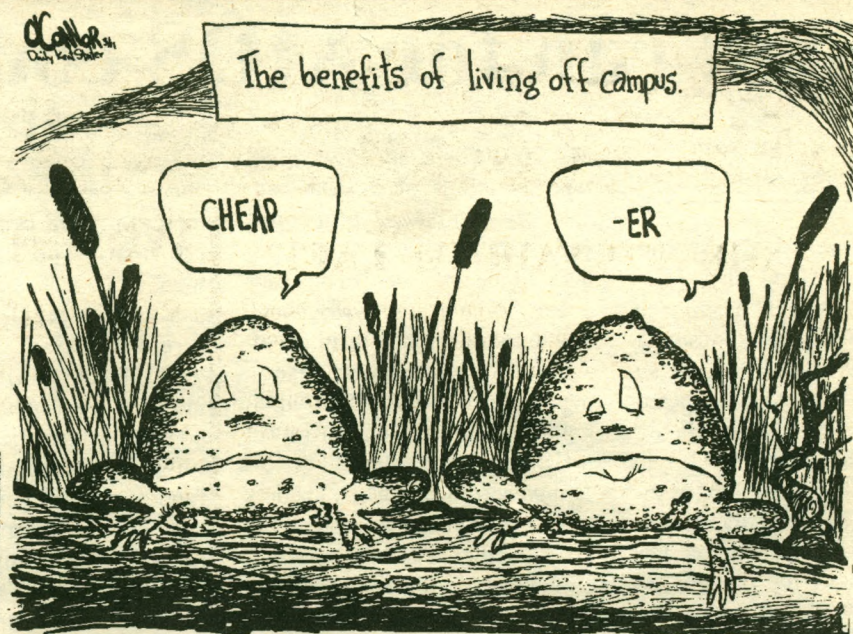
We believe that students who have been involved in violent outbreaks ought to decide if they are here for an education or if they are here to generally screw up.

Internships present opportunity

Entering today's job market without a college degree is dangerous. Entering it without a college degree and without an internship — even more dangerous.

Internships, for many, have proven to be an invaluable tool to prepare college students for the "real world." The Office of Career Development is an excellent resource for obtaining such an experience. Employers look highly upon a college graduate who took the initiative to intern and learn more about their career interest.

We believe that students, especially sophomores and juniors, should seek a worthwhile internship to better prepare them for their future workplaces.



Pornography on Internet strikes Supreme Court

Pornography on the Internet is the latest controversial issue to be brought before the United States Supreme Court.

The bill, which was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President has three parts. First, the bill makes it illegal to send pornographic words over the Internet to a specific person who the sender knows is under 18 years-old. The second part prohibits sending pornographic images over the Internet to a specific person the sender knows is under 18.

I have absolutely no problem with either of these parts of the bill, and without question the court should uphold them. The part of the bill that causes problems for me is the third part because of its vague and undefined nature.

It prohibits the posting of any pornographic material anywhere on the Internet where it could be accessed by anyone under 18.

Well, exactly what does that mean? Where is there someplace

on the Internet where anyone under 18 couldn't get to? How do you define where it is OK to have pornographic material and where it isn't?

The problem with this law is it is a backdoor attempt at

there is still underage drinking and smoking.

There are many households, like mine, where there are no pornographic materials, but that doesn't stop kids, like me, from being exposed to it at a friend's house.

As much as we'd like to, there is no way we can completely keep children from viewing pornographic materials over the Internet. There certainly are steps we can take. The first two parts of the bill are a good step toward doing that. There are other measures we can take. There is software that parents can use to lock their children out of sites on the Internet that are deemed as adult sites.

We can't jump to the idea of banning pornographic materials on the Internet. If an adult wants to view such material, he or she has that First Amendment right.

Now it is up to the Supreme Court to determine whether or not this law is Constitutional. The court should do the right thing and uphold the first two parts of the bill, but strike down the third.

I feel confident that the bill is in the right hands. What better person to be handling this issue than Clarence Thomas?



By **ROB SAWICKI**

VIEWPOINT

banning all pornography on the Internet. Rather than coming right out and making a law banning pornography on the Internet completely, Congress and the President decided to try and sneak one by all of us and make themselves look conscientious in an election year.

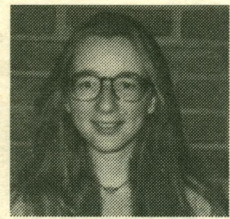
Whether or not you find pornography disgusting, those who appreciate it have a Constitutional right to view it. We should do everything we can to prevent it from being accessible to minors. The same way we have with cigarettes, alcohol and even pornographic magazines and films.

But, just like all of those we can't completely keep minors from being exposed. If a child wants to do something that he or she isn't supposed to be doing, it's hard to top it. That's why

Innocence lost— today's children are exploited

One morning I watched a little boy learn to ride his bike in his driveway. He had his little helmet on and he rode the tiny bike with great care. He wobbled down the driveway, made a slow, wide turn, then carefully wobbled back up to his house.

That morning, the only worries the boy had concerned his bicycle.



By **STEPHANIE SMITH**

He did not care about world events or national affairs or even what his neighbors were doing. He was innocent to the horrors of the world.

In today's society, children are exploited by the media. Children are forced to grow up too quickly — they are victims. Like

adults, children are accosted with sexual harassment suits and charges of drug and weapon possession. They are arrested and charged with murder.

Granted, there are some minors out there who do have problems and should be handled carefully. But there are also ludicrous incidents of "no tolerance" that I find quite disturbing.

In my own hometown, a middle school boy was suspended because he kept his epilepsy medication in his locker instead of with the school nurse.

The local newspapers has a field day with the story because it happened at a time when several other similar stories were appearing nationally. The suspensions should have been saved for students who were bringing more serious, illegal drugs into the schools, rather than a boy carrying his own medication.

Young children have been

charged with sexual harassment suits. Chances are, a five-year-old does not understand what sex is, but suddenly, when he kisses a girl in his class, he has been branded. More serious offenses occur all the time, but nothing is done, so a first-grader

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must pay the price.

What happened to the innocence of childhood, when we only worried about learning to ride our bikes and tie our shoes, and who to sit with at the lunch table? Now children face drugs and sex and legal action.

Children are being corrupted. The only ones responsible for the corruption are adults. A child is not born with bad intentions, he learns them by watching his parents, older brothers and sisters, or whoever takes

care of him. Children are not miniature adults. They should have the freedom to run and laugh and play without worrying about adult problems.

Kids are the future. They are smart and funny. They deserve the chance to make innocent mistakes and learn from them. Think back to when you were young. Spend time with your children, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews. They will teach you to forget you are a grown-up and remind you how much fun being a kid should be.

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Letters to the editor

BAD IMAGE NOT FAIR TO TAFT

To the editor,

As a resident of Taft Commons, I am hurt of the bad image given to Taft. As a transfer student in the fall of 1995, I joined the Hall Council at Taft. My involvement in hall council was definitely beneficial for me during my first year at Taft.

This year I continue to live at Taft and I enjoy going "home" after a day of classes; it is peaceful and I am able to study as well as enjoy my last year at Sacred Heart.

I am still involved in Hall Council, in fact I am the treasurer. I also attend the Shuttle Committee meetings (when I have a chance) because along with my fellow residents who are without a car at Taft, I rely on the shuttle. I am also a member of the Dining Service Committee because along with the majority of the Sacred Heart community, I eat in the Dining Hall. All of

these organizations are beneficial for all students at Sacred Heart.

The residents who complain about Taft have never come to Hall Council to voice their complaints, concerns or suggestions. Every Monday at 9:30 on the second floor hallway, Hall Council meets to discuss events that pertain to our hall and the campus, only a select few chose to attend these meetings.

No one else comes if they have a complaint about the shuttle, maintenance or any other problems they have about Taft. When these residents and the author of the article ("Taft a 'bad idea'", March 20) decide to join us on Monday nights, we will welcome them and hear their concerns or suggestions.

Until then, I personally feel the Hall Council will be unable to help them.

Cathy Quirk

WOMEN'S SPORT LACK SUPPORT WITHOUT TITLE IX

To the editors,

The letter printed in the March 20 edition, "Title IX Unfair to Male Sports", deeply offended me as well as a large number of other female athletes.

It discusses how Title IX is detrimental to male athletics. The purpose of this law is not to take away from male athletics, as the letter suggested.

Rather, it is an attempt to alleviate some of the discrimination that women athletes have fought against for years.

The letter points out that in order to comply to Title IX, some colleges and universities adopted a women's sport while sacrificing a mens sport, such as wrestling.

I have to say that I am not entirely convinced that Title IX is the driving force behind the decisions of colleges to drop certain sports. Also, who keeps track of all the womens sports

sacrificed to a demanding budget?

Female athletes who play a sport sometimes end up at their second choice college because that sport did not exist at their first choice school.

This is sadly a very common problem for most female athletes.

The letter also cites the low number of female athletes as compared to male athletes. This starts at the high school level where girls just do not have as many options as boys of available sports.

Even if teams were started at some schools, the lack of a competitive conference and other teams to play are obstacles that need to be addressed. Also, the issue of funding was raised.

If no one came to any more football games, would you say that the rest of the sports would not have to give the same amount to the football team because their attendance was low?

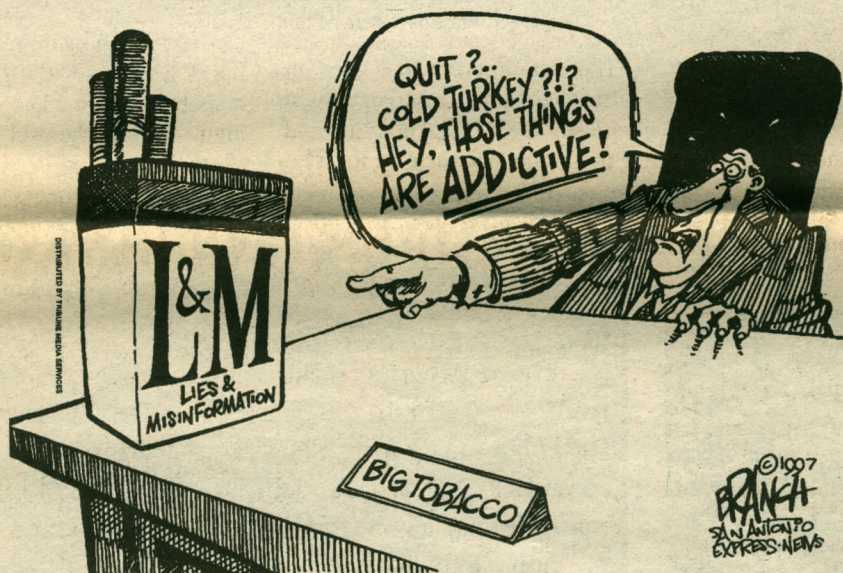
How can you tell female athletes that they are not worth funding because no one takes the time out to watch them play?

Womens athletics have only recently begun to receive their fair, yes, fair shake. Womens sports are every bit as competitive as the mens sports.

Like the men's sports, womens athletics need to be supported by fans, students, and administration as well.

If Title IX is the only way to get that support, so be it.

Anna Alveari



APPLAUSE FOR EDITORIAL

To the editor,

I applaud your editorial advocating that Sacred Heart courses across all programs be challenging to students.

The way our students will expand their abilities, increase their fund of knowledge and discover their talent is through rigorous curricula. And I am confident that, presented with such curricula, our students will meet the challenge.

David A. Harnett,
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

DISCOVER HIDDEN POTENTIALS

To the editor,

Do you have a sacred place?

Do you have time for a sacred place? Take time out, relax, explore, be yourself. Create an independent paradise (Garden of Eden).

Attaining a spiritual outlet offsets mediocrity. Mediocrity is far too complex to explore when it's a usual norm. I see college with opportune eyes by discovering my hiding potentials. My goals and aspirations have been derived at my sacred place. At times, my sacred place has both created and cleared denseness in my head.

Perfectionism through choice of your sacred place is highly commendable, yet the enjoyment can only be understood through the individuals' eyes.

As a college student at SHU, I feel attaining independence has created an energy-filled inward drive in myself, which I see as a worthwhile principle in the future.

Get psyched, be yourself, find your sacred place.

Robert Fox

COMMUTER SAFETY LACKS IN WINTER MONTHS

To the editor,

As a commuter student, I found Sacred Heart to be insensitive during inclement weather. Commuter students make up 39% of the population and our safety deserves more concern.

Although the weather was extremely mild this winter, there were several icy mornings. Snow did not accumulate in the great number of inches, but the combination of rain and freezing temperatures is equally as dangerous for driving conditions. Commuters travel from as far as 30 miles away and should not be asked to risk their lives on the icy roads. The weather is often worse in other towns, especially those north of Fairfield.

I would like to congratulate the university on implementing the snow phone. However, it should also record classes that have been canceled by individual professors. I have driven in early

only to find that my professor has canceled my first class, due to the weather.

If Sacred Heart chooses not to delay opening in the bad weather, professors should take this into consideration. If a commuter student is late or misses class on such days, it is generally attributed to the weather.

In the future, Sacred Heart should consider commuter students' safety in the case of inclement weather, by delaying school opening. If this is not possible, commuter students should be allowed to miss class without penalty. The few extra hours for towns to clear the roads could mean everything to a commuter's safety. It is not a matter of wanting to miss classes; it is a matter of safety.

Stacey Shepperd

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FEATURES

Athletes often set drinking standards

By Greg Nota
Contributing Writer

The word college is synonymous with drinking. Movies capture wild college parties, and people reminisce about their old college days with their friends, and the crazy nights of drinking and partying.

Most freshmen entering college assume that drinking will be part of their college experience. In a survey by the Harvard School of Public Health, as reported in the New York Times, 68 percent of freshmen will abuse alcohol in their first semester.

Dr. Henry Wechsler, a social psychologist and investigator of the study, said that college athletes are more likely to binge drink than other students. "These are the students who set the norms. These are the socially accepted students who say it's okay to get hammered," he said.

According to the survey, a binge drinker is one who has five drinks or more in a row (four for

women).

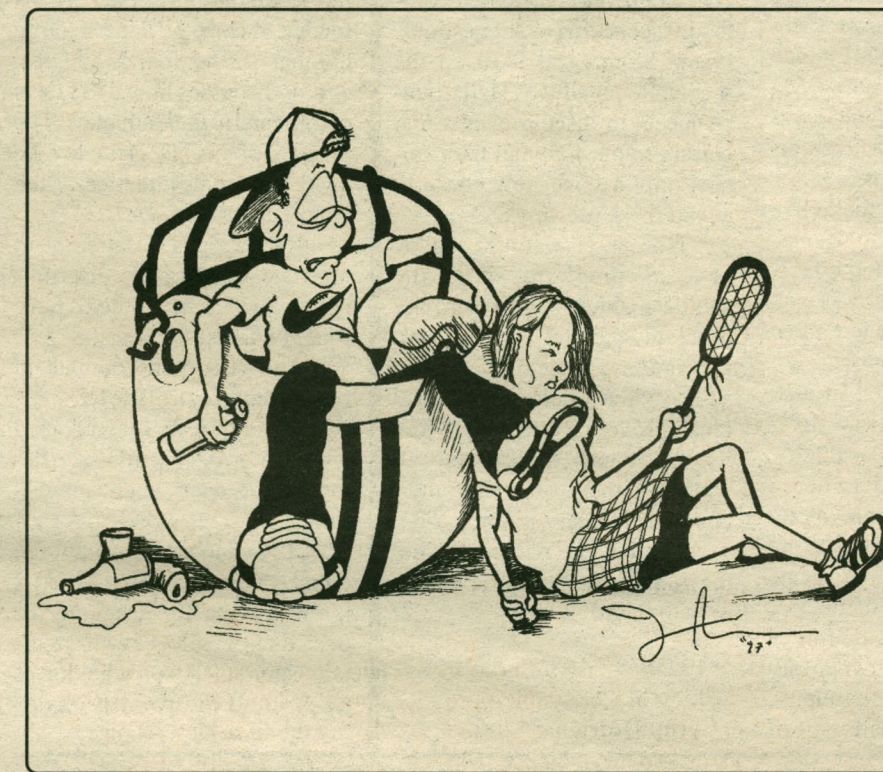
"Drinking is a highly social activity on campuses. Binge drinkers aren't hiding alone in a corner to drown their sorrows; they are out there being role models, affecting other people's lives and behaviors," added Wechsler.

The study spanned 140 colleges in 40 states and surveyed over 17,500 students. The results of the study showed that 61 percent of males who are active in intercollegiate athletics were involved in drinking.

The numbers for females are just as startling. For women athletes, 50 percent were drinkers, as opposed to 30 percent in the non-athletes.

Here at Sacred Heart, numerous athletes drink. Usually the topic of conversation is of the football party or the rugby party on the weekend.

Junior John Armstrong, a football player, said, "Athletes drink all the time, whether it's during the season or not. I'm not saying that I get loaded the night before a game, but you go out to



Artwork by Jeremy Staub

a party on weekends and you drink with everyone else."

Corie Caccese, a sophomore on the girl's lacrosse team said,

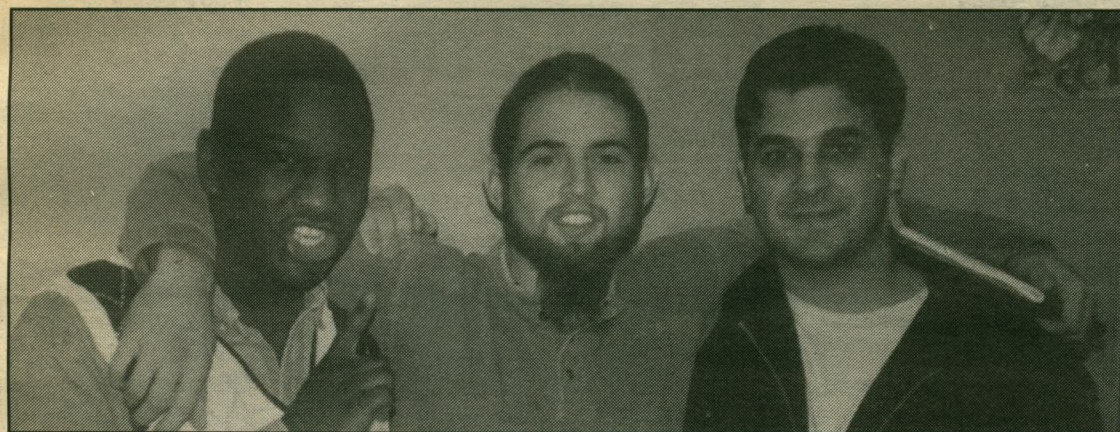
have to make sure that having a beer is not the most important thing in your life though."

Dave Fesko, a sophomore basketball player said, "You put so much time and effort into sports that I don't see a need to go out and get wrecked. If you do go out, the next day you feel terrible and have a rough practice or game. You have to make a decision on how serious you are about sports."

Mark Nofri, an assistant coach of the football team said, "I do not encourage drinking and I don't accept it either. We (coaches)

can't be watching the athletes 24 hours a day, so it's their own responsibility to make sure they aren't hurting themselves on or off the field."

West Hall RA with heart



Tony Baldwin (center) throws his arms around pals Dupre Benning (left) and Matt Orsia (right).

Contributed photo

By Chris Reinhart
Contributing Writer

Imagine it's your first day, freshman year at Sacred Heart. You just walked into your hall and met your Residential Assistant for the first time.

After a few minutes of talking to him or her, you realize that you are homesick.

Now picture the same scenario, but this time your RA makes you feel welcome. You are not homesick.

In fact you just met your first friend. If you were a first-year student walking onto the third floor of West Hall this year, you would have felt this way.

Tony Baldwin, a sophomore from Cape Cod, Mass., is just that kind of RA. This is his first year on the job, but he says, "If I had to repeat my sophomore year, I would do it all over again."

Mike Wicke, a sophomore from Queens, N.Y. said, "Tony

does a great job of making you feel at home, and I know he's there when I have a problem. You really couldn't ask for a more helpful RA."

Being there is the main reason why Baldwin took the job. "I'm a people person and being in this role helps me help people,"

"There's a difference between being friends and doing my job."

Tony Baldwin

said Baldwin.

When asked what he excels in when it comes to student issues, Baldwin said, "I'm a problem solver and I'm very good at giving advice."

Being such a good friend to his residents and checking on the breaking of violations is not

always easy.

"There's a difference between being friends and doing my job. I can be a friend, but I must live up to my responsibilities as well," said Baldwin.

Baldwin's job is very time consuming. "I want to give all I can but I need to set time aside for myself, whether it be social or educational."

Baldwin is also a member of the volleyball team.

"Playing ball and being an RA at the same time is very challenging," he said.

Challenge is something that Baldwin welcomes. "I decided to apply to be an RA simply because I wanted to see if I could do it, challenge myself," he said.

Baldwin feels that being an RA and playing volleyball are connected because they both hold responsibilities and demand consciousness of time management.

Looking back at his past year, Baldwin said he enjoyed it.

"I've had great opportunities to help others and myself. It's been fun and worthwhile."

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Brazilian Coffeehouse tonight

Come experience Brazil tonight at a coffeehouse from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge. Hear dynamic Brazilian music from SHU's own Joe Carter and try some Brazilian refreshments. Call 365-7614 to make reservations. Free to SHU students. \$3 General Admission. This event is sponsored by the Office of Residential Life and the International Club.

Nursing information workshop

A workshop for those interested in the SHU Nursing Program will be held on Tuesday, April 15 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Mahogany Room. This workshop is for undergraduates and graduates interested in nursing. Representatives from the Office of Graduate Admissions, Continuing Education, Financial Aid and Career Development will be present to answer questions. Those who attend may bring their transcripts to the workshop. For more information, call the Office of Graduate Admissions at 365-7619.

English Club meets again!

Attention all English majors/minors: The English Club meets each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in Hawley Lounge. Anyone interested in joining the club can call Jen Hudson at 336-5484.

Passover Seder April 14

The Sacred Heart University community is invited to attend a traditional Passover Seder to understand the whats and whys of this annual celebration and appreciate the meaning of freedom from slavery. The Seder will be held on Monday, April 14 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Campus Center Community Room. Please call the Campus Ministry Office at x7840 to secure your reservation and for further information.

-Compiled by Gina Norelli

Chorale & emsemble captivate crowd

By Gina Norelli
Features Editor

For the first time ever, the Sacred Heart University chorus sang at the traditional Lenten concert held in the Chapel on March 20.

Under the direction of Leland Roberts, professor of music, the group of 17 select singers including students and faculty, accompanied the enchanting music of the SHU Chamber Ensemble, which consisted of a violin, viola, cello and piano.

"This is the third year we have done a Lenten concern," said Roberts. "It's the first year with our own chorus. It's really a new start for the chorus," he added.

The concert began with a soothing musical prelude titled "Trio No. 35" by Joseph Haydn, that captured the audience of at least 40 people.

Then, the members of the chorus entered the Chapel from the hallway and took their positions on the altar.

Each member was dressed in a white shirt and either black pants or skirts. As they stood beneath the cross of Jesus, for whom the concert was honoring, their poise, expression and confidence reflected the weeks of practice that preceded the concert.



Four Chorale members ready to sing. From left to right: Carolyn Volpe, Kellee George, Elena Chuhnov and Kelly Humphrey.

Contributed photo

"These chorales serve as something of Christianity's response to the death of Jesus," Roberts told the audience. Music from composers such as Gabriel Faure, J.S. Bach, John Leavitt, and Mozart was performed.

Roberts, who has been at SHU for 31 years, explained that the "Requiem", written by Faure, was meant to stand as a message of hope and promise in

addition to being a memorial for Faure's parents who passed away during the time he wrote it.

Mrs. Joseph Tenney of Trumbull, who attended the concert, said, "They should have it more often. It's absolutely wonderful. Mr. Roberts blends it all together."

James Falletti, a first-year student from Selden, N.Y., who is part of the chorale, said, "I'm used to being in a really big choir.

This is select. I was excited to get into it, since it's my first year in college."

Carmela Chisholm, a sophomore from Falmouth, Mass., who is part of the Chorale but couldn't participate due to sickness, sat with the audience to watch the performance. "It gave me goose bump, especially 'Laus Deo'. I wish I was up there," said Chisholm.

The entire group of select

singers consists of 30 people. The program was sponsored by Campus Ministry and the music program and is part of a concert series of music for Advent and Lent.

The next musical concert will be performed by the SHU Jazz Band on Sunday, April 27 at 3 p.m. in the Mahogany Room.

There is no charge for admission to this performance and all are invited to attend.

Practicing witches who live among us all

By Sharon Nagy
Contributing Writer

After centuries of maligning, witchcraft is slowly coming out of the broom closet. In some parts of American society, neo-pagan practices are slowly becoming more accepted in a largely Judeo-Christian culture.

Even at Sacred Heart University, which was founded on the tenets of Christianity, there might be people who practice these ancient ways.

One of the most well-known witchcraft religions is Wicca. According to an article by Susan Pearsall in the New York Times, practitioners of this religion "worship two deities, twin energies in nature called God and

Goddess; honor natural elements like air, water, earth and fire; practice folk magic; believe in reincarnation, and do not proselytize."

According to Dr. Christel Manning, associate professor of religious studies, there are a few reasons why these practices are becoming more well-known. One reason is feminism. There is "an interest on the part of women in spiritualities that concentrate on women. Wicca responded because of its focus on the Goddess."

Another reason is the visibility of neo-pagan books. According to Manning, there is a "slew of popular books available at commercial bookstores about Goddess worship." She speculates that more visibility suggests

more openness in society to these beliefs.

Holidays, called sabbats, such as Samhain, come directly from the Celtic calendar. The major sabbats are Samhain, Imbolg, Beltane and Lammas, with the solstices and equinoxes as lesser holidays. These holidays celebrate different cycles of the earth and points in the mythological lives of the deities.

Along with the holidays, there are 13 smaller meetings during the moon cycles, usually at the full moon. These are called esbats. Covens come together to honor the moon cycles and deities, and to perform magic.

However neo-paganism is not limited to Wicca or Celtic traditions. There are systems of ceremonial magic that apply dif-

ferent principles and beliefs in their rituals. There are also many different pantheons, symbols and practices that are used. Ancient Roman, Greek, Egyptian and Norse deities are called upon, along with unique myths and magic for that particular type of worship.

There are many misconceptions about neo-paganism and witchcraft. According to Manning, witches have nothing to do with Satanism. She said that the term "satanism" was "coined by the Catholic Church to label people who are heretics." She said Satanists rebel from mainstream Christian culture by taking Christian values and turning them around, whereas neo-pagans follow beliefs that predate Christianity.

Another misconception is thinking that witches are, according to Manning, "man-hating lesbians." There are feminist traditions that exclude men. However, there are many neo-pagan organizations that include men, with men holding high positions in those orders.

Some may confuse witchcraft with voodoo. According to Manning, voodoo also has "evil associations" in society. However, the practices of witchcraft are different than those of voodoo.

Some think witches are, according to Manning, "weird or imbalanced." She said that people who think that witches are weird usually have never met any witches, or they would see that they are normal.

Still another misconception is that "it doesn't happen here." Manning said that groups of practitioners are "small but all over the place."

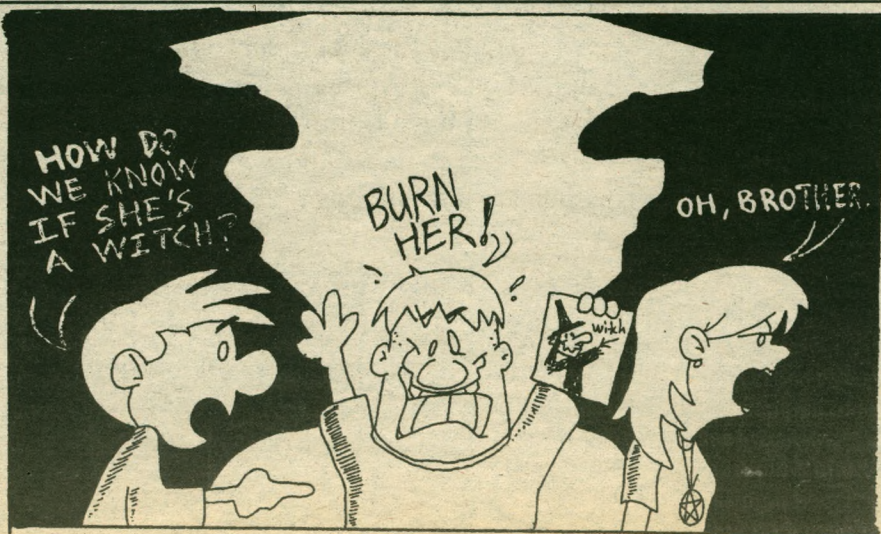
Are there any witches at Sacred Heart? It depends on who you ask.

Michael Powers, a sophomore from Fair Lawn, N.J. is not aware of any at SHU.

"Anybody who wants to practice should be allowed to as long as it doesn't affect others," Powers said.

Frank Buckley, a senior from Bethel, Conn. has talked to some witches outside SHU.

"They're just like any other person," said Buckley.



Artwork by Jason Mastrianni



'Battle' creates good vibes

By Christopher Twarowski
A&E Co-editor

The "Battle of the Bands" that took place in the Gym on March 22, featured an array of music and raised over sixty pounds of canned food for the Thomas Merton House of Hospitality in Bridgeport.

The event was co-sponsored by WHRT, the S.E.T. Band Committee and the Media Club. However, many other people from different organizations volunteered.

This included George Lombardi from WSHU, who supplied and set up the sound system, and members of Campus Ministry, Student Activities and Maintenance.

"I thought it was a great idea," said Campus Minister Fr. Thomas Michael McLernon. "I



23 Band won first place in the 'Battle of the Bands' on March 22 in the Gym.

think it was a part of what this University is all about. That we're not just here to do our thing, but that we are aware of the fact that there are many less fortunate around us who need our help."

Eight bands performed. Each had a 50 minute set slot, beginning at 5 p. m. To save time, two stages were erected. This enabled bands to set up on one stage, while another performed on the

other.

Over 200 people attended throughout the course of the night. Most were non-SHU students. Skin heads, punks and hippies danced, hacked and listened.

There were no fights.

The music was as varied as the people. It ranged from ska and punk to rock and hard-core. Some bands played covers, but most performed originals.

The winners of the "Battle" were announced at midnight. 23 Band won first, Blind Ambition took second and Absolutely Johnathon placed third.

All contesting groups are eligible to be booked for next semester and their demos/albums will be played over the air at WHRT. All the organizations involved are looking forward to hosting another.

"It went over so phenomenally," said Student Events Team Vice President, Mike Dutton. "I think it should definitely be a tradition here at SHU and I think we should have one every semester."

Students share art and dreams in Gallery

By Christopher Twarowski
A&E Co-editor

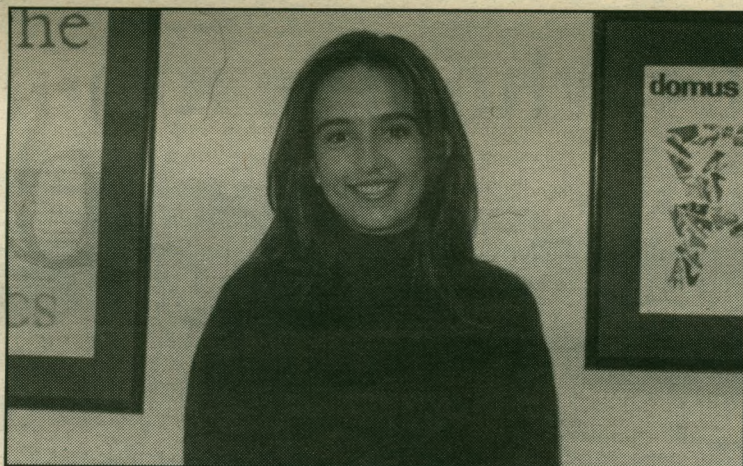
Maren Niemann and Ana Mariela Gandara are senior international business majors who have many things in common.

They both came from Guatemala City, Guatemala. They both share a townhouse at Parkridge. Both enjoy expressing themselves through art.

Presently, they also both have award-winning pieces on display in the University's Gallery of Contemporary Art.

Niemann was a gold and silver award winner in the 1997 Student Art Exhibit held at the Gallery last month.

Her computer graphic, "SACI Poster and Invitation,"



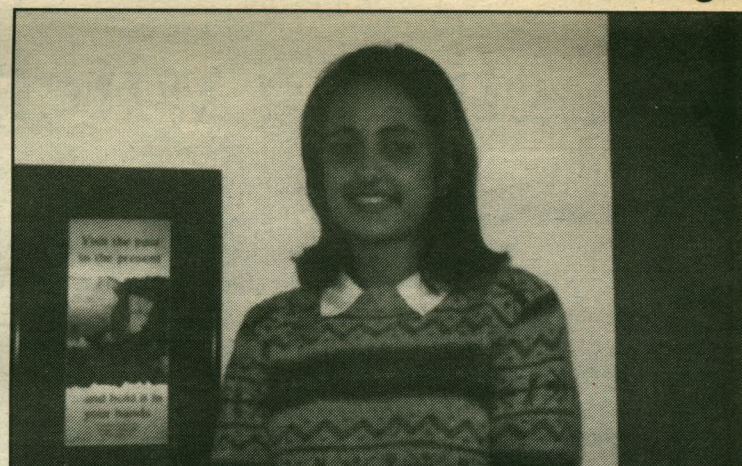
Maren Niemann (left) and Ana Mariela Gandara (right), in front of their award-winning pieces on exhibit in the Gallery.

received the top prize and her photograph, entitled "Strong Eye Triangle," won the silver.

Gandara, also a graphic design minor, received an honorable mention for her computer

graphic, "A Taste of Ancient Town."

She and Niemann give advice to aspiring artists by telling them to never lose sight of their dreams.



"You should always send in your artworks to be viewed," said Gandara.

"That way, you can know if you're doing a good job."

The Student Art Exhibit,

which features the works of outstanding student painters, illustrators and graphic designers, continues through this Saturday. Admission is free. For info. call (203) 365-7650.

A&E BRIEFS

Siblings Weekend schedule packed

Tomorrow night is Siblings Weekend Kickoff. There will be a sing-a-long with Danny McCarthy at 7 p. m. in the Dining Hall. At 9 p. m. there is a carnival in the Gym featuring Laser Tag, Spin Art Frisbees, music and more.

On Saturday there is a pool tournament in the Rec Center and basketball on the South/West Hall courts at 1 p. m. At 1:30 p. m. there is a bus leaving from in front of Public Safety to Milford Amusement. The movie "Space Jam" will be shown at 2 and 7 p. m. in the Schine Auditorium. At 9 p. m. there will be Bingo in the Outpost and free sundaes.

Mass will be celebrated in the Theater at 10:30 a. m. on Sunday.

All events throughout the weekend are being sponsored by the Student Events Team and admission is free.

Barenaked Ladies tickets on sale

Tickets for the Barenaked Ladies spring concert to be held in the Gym on April 25 at 8 p. m. are on sale in front of the Faculty Lounge from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. daily.

The cost is \$20 for general admission and \$14 for full-time students. For info. call (203) 371-7846.

SHU celebrates Thornton Wilder's birthday

"The Skin Of Our Teeth," presented by Sacred Heart University's Faculty of Communication Studies, opens April 18 and runs through April 20 at the Theatre.

Performances are on Friday and Saturday at 8 p. m. and on Sunday at 3 p. m.

Tickets are \$10 for non-students and \$3 for students. Call (203) 374-2777.

-Compiled by Stephanie Smith and Chris Twarowski

Mellencamp delivers the goods

By Mike Nimons
Staff Writer

On Sunday, March 16, John Mellencamp brought his "Mr. Happy Go Lucky" Tour to the Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford.

This was the first of three shows Mellencamp was to play at the Oakdale and it was close to being sold out. The theatre was filled with die-hard Mellencamp fans and many, like myself, who were just there to hear some great music.

Amanda Marshall opened. Her music is similar to that of Joan Osborne or Sheryl Crow. She played for about 30 minutes and sang a number of the songs which appear on her self-titled debut album.

Included in these songs were, "Beautiful Goodbye," "Let It Rain," "Fall From Grace," and the one song which she released as a single, "Birmingham." This is her first tour and she put on an excellent performance.

Once the stage was prepared, Mellencamp and his band took the stage and went immediately into "Small Town," one of his biggest hits. I was very pleased that throughout his two-hour perfor-

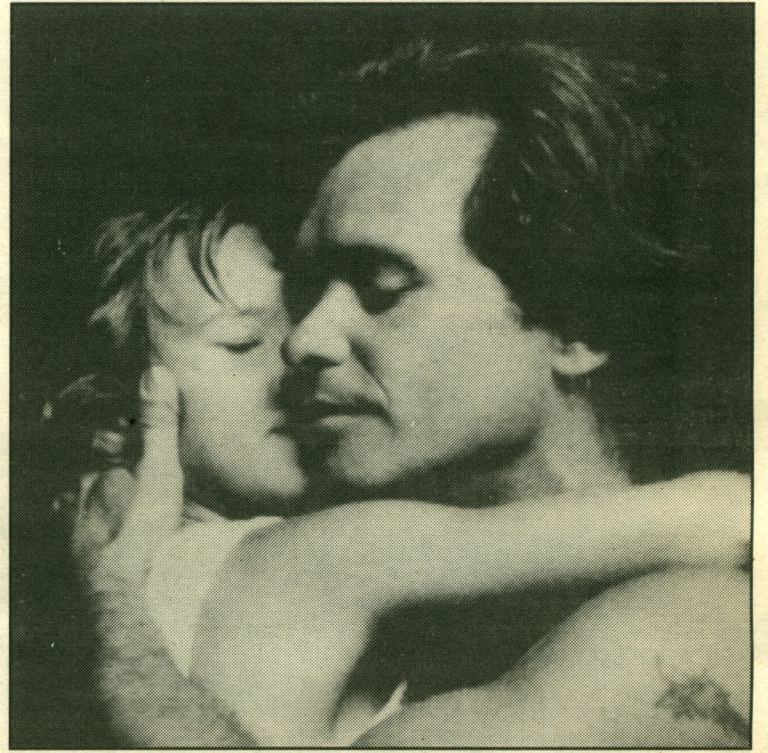
mance, he played the majority of his older hits, in addition to those songs from "Mr. Happy Go Lucky."

He sang "Pink Houses," "Hurts So Good," "R. O. C. K. in the U.S.A.," "Lonely Ol' Night," "Key West Intermezzo (I Saw You First)," and "Just Another Day." He also did a hip-hop type version of "Jack and Diane" in which his keyboard player, Bo Z, rapped a couple of verses.

Mellencamp also had some of the audience members join him on stage to sing a verse or two throughout his show. He even went out and sat in the audience and let his band take control for an extended version of "Crumblin' Down."

Overall, the show was excellent. The crowd was very involved in both Marshall's and Mellencamp's acts. For the most part they were on their feet, clapping, singing and dancing along with the artists. At times, Mellencamp let the audience sing for him and everyone seemed to be very much into it.

The only complaint I had was that Mellencamp did not sing "Cherry Bomb." He also did not return for an encore despite a good portion of the crowd remaining and cheering for close to 20 minutes. With these few exceptions, the entire concert was very good and I would definitely see Amanda Marshall or John Mellencamp again.



John Mellencamp

Poet's Voice

Simple

I like waking up on a July morning with the sound of birds singing in my back yard
Smelling the clean summer air
Catching a glimpse of the green grass still wet with dew
Hearing my family busy in the house below
Cartoons on the television instead of the news.

I like getting into my car with my friend and driving for no real reason at all
Just to see where we might end up
Through the hills and farms of New England
Stopping for coffee in a walk-around kind of town
Somehow forgetting the time until the sun begins to set.

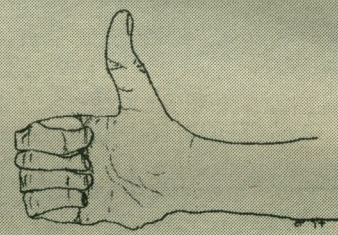
I like the way he holds my hand
The way they seem to fit together so well
Easily relaxed and no longer nervous to show him who I really am
Still wonderfully amazed at times that we stand here together
After such a long road traveled.

I like the way I feel when I leave the rest of the world behind
No constant worry over the things that I could never control
Instead somehow searching for hints of my future
My shoulders back and my will strong
Things will come together in the end.

I like the way things feel when they are simple
Just taking everything in
Living and breathing
And feeling
Simple.

Andrea Parsons

*In honor of Work Study
Appreciaton Week, the
Office of Financial
Assistance would like to
thank all student
employees for their hard
work this year.*



Metallica rocks Hartford Civic Center

By Greg Nota
Contributing Writer

Last Friday night, Metallica's latest stop on their Load tour came to the Hartford Civic Center. Hours before the show began, thousands of die-hard fans could be seen and heard, waiting for the doors to open.

Metallica, who last June released their latest CD, Load, is wrapping up their concert tour that began last August in Europe.

"I've seen Metallica a number of times over the years, but this concert was the loudest and most intense one I've been to yet," said Craig Baker, a junior from Greenwich.

Metallica stunned fans with blistering lyrics and music, dazzling lights and pyrotechnics throughout the more than two hours that they were on stage.

Lead singer James Hetfield kept the audience involved throughout the whole show, and encouraged fans to keep making noise, while lead guitarist Kirk



Metallica

Hammett and bassist Jason Newsted belted out note after note. Lars Ulrich, Metallica's workhorse drummer played on two different drum pits set up at each end of the stage.

Metallica opened up with the song "So What," and then sped

into "Creeping Death."

Fans cheered and screamed as they played songs from all of their albums including "Hero of the Day" and "Enter Sandman."

Metallica demonstrated they are one of music's best entertainers by staging an accident at one

end of the stage. Members of the crew fell from the rafters, the light tower collapsed and one of the workers was set on fire.

"I didn't know what was going on, it was really scary. There were sparks flying, and people were putting out fires on the stage,

when this guy came running out engulfed in flames," said Scott Kohler, a senior from Quincy, Mass.

"Everyone thought that there really was an accident, but Metallica once again proved that they put on the best shows."

Earlier in the night, fans warmed up with the band Corrosion of Conformity, who played for 45 minutes and performed their hits "Albatross" and "Clean My Wounds."

Metallica was definitely a show that left fans tired and deaf.

"It's been three days, and my ears are still ringing," said Peter Reynolds, a sophomore from Ansonia.

"But the concert was absolutely incredible, and I'd go see them again in a second."

Metallica fans were ready to rock, and Metallica delivered in a big way.

Hopefully the band will come back around this way in the future so anyone who missed this concert does not make the same mistake twice.

Sports in brief

Hynes excels but women's lax falls to 1-2

The Sacred Heart University women's lacrosse team dropped to 1-2 on the year with a 15-11 loss to Monmouth University on Apr. 3.

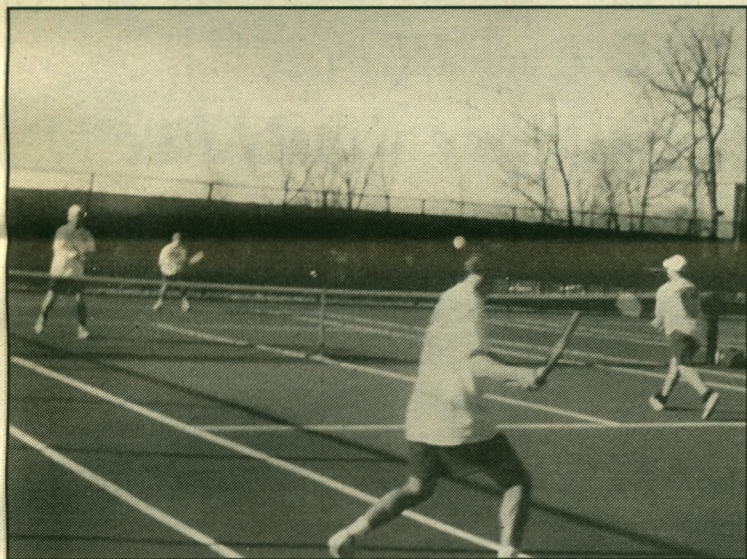
Division II All-American Deidre Hynes (Mahopac, N.Y.) scored six goals and added an assist in the loss. She leads the team in scoring with 11 points (10 goals, 1 assist).

The Lady Pioneers have a busy upcoming road trip as they face East Stroudsburg today, Lock Haven on Saturday and Bloomsburg on Sunday.

Sacred Heart martial arts wins CNEC Title

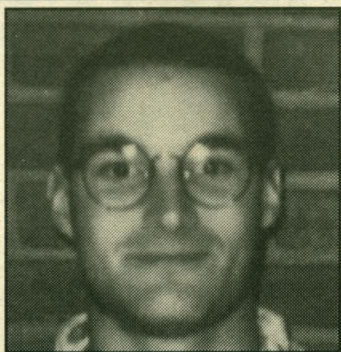
This past weekend, the Sacred Heart martial arts team competed at Princeton with seven other schools. Rob Glejzer and Kevin Lam won medals in forms. John Jennings, Kevin Yee and Brian Banet won medals for the A team, while Joseph Moura medalled for B.

The women placed fourth out of 10 teams. The SHU Martial Arts team is holding a tournament on Sunday April 13 in the SHU Gym at 12 p.m. If you haven't seen them compete, this is your chance to come and support them.



The Pioneer men's tennis team has struggled early in its season, but looks to turn things around. Photo by Michele Herrmann

Athletes of the week



Mike Mazzeo

Mazzeo, a senior captain on the men's lacrosse team from Darien, scored three goals and four assists in the Pioneers' 17-10 victory over Bentley College. He is second on the team in total points with 10 goals and 11 assists.

Vicky White

White, a senior pitcher on the softball team from Ansonia, recorded three of the Pioneers' four wins in doubleheaders last weekend against Albany and Franklin Pierce. In the three wins, she pitched two complete games, including one shutout. She also struck out 12 batters in the games.



Honorable Mentions:

Don Saladino, a sophomore on the baseball team batted 6-for-8 with four runs and three RBI in the Pioneers' doubleheader wins over Quinnipiac.

Deirdre Hynes, a junior on the women's lacrosse team from Mahopac, N.Y. scored six goals and one assist in the Pioneers 15-11, loss to Monmouth University.

Jen Stark, an All-Northeast senior on the softball team led the team in hitting in three of four games played last weekend. She batted 10-15 and leads the team this season with a .370 batting average.

Men's tennis off to rocky start *Team is optimistic for second half of season*

By Corinne Waldheim
Assistant Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart men's tennis team is off to a rocky start with six losses since the season opener on March 21.

"Despite our slow start I am looking forward to the second half of the season," said Coach Mike Guastelle.

Quinnipiac, St. Michael's and Springfield had the upper hand in the first three contests. Among

the wreckage came a bright spot in the form of senior co-captain Mario Donini (Guilford).

The second-singles player improved his match record to 2-1 when he defeated Springfield's Andy Link (6-4, 6-2). The win avenged last year's loss to Link (6-3, 6-0).

"This has been by far the strongest team we've had," said Donini. "Despite our shaky start, everything is starting to come together."

"The rest of the season seems

promising," said sophomore Tony Cabana of Tampa, Fla.

Queens (7-2), Dowling (8-1) and Merrimack (7-2) dominated the courts in last week's losses.

Saturday was an eventful day as freshman third-singles player Chris Duwart (Wrentham, Mass.) picked up his first collegiate win against Dowling's Jeff Hazleton (6-4, 6-1).

Sacred Heart visits American International College today and will be home against Franklin Pierce tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

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Sports Schedule

Thursday, April 10

Baseball at Concordia College at 3:30 p.m.
Men's Tennis at American International College, 3:30 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse at East Stroudsburg, 4 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse vs. New York Tech, 4 p.m.

Men's Tennis at UMass-Lowell, 1 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse at Bloomsburg, 12 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse at Lock Haven, 12 p.m.

Monday, April 14

Softball at C.W. Post, 3 p.m.

Friday, April 11

Men's Tennis vs. Franklin Pierce, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15

Baseball vs. Queens College, 3:30 p.m.
Men's Tennis at Adelphi, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

Baseball at Keene State, 12 p.m.
Softball vs. Keene State, 1 p.m.
Outdoor Track at Williams College Relays, 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday, April 16

Baseball at Univ. of New Haven, 2 p.m.
Softball at Univ. of New Haven, 3 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse vs. Univ. of New Haven, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 13

Front Row

Play ball; with spring comes baseball

March Madness has come and gone, and we all know what that means: Baseball season is here again.

With the beginning of the season upon us, I have a few thoughts about the long 162 game march to the fall classic. So, without further adieu, here it goes:

The first and most obvious question is: Who will win the World Series? I really don't know, but I can't think of a logical argument, other than a diminished bullpen (or George Steinbrenner needing to make headlines,) against a Yankee repeat. No other team has really

improved enough to get there. Sure the Marlins have improved, but they're at least a year away, and the White Sox added Albert Belle, but that doesn't change the fact that they have no pitching.

Speaking of Belle, its great that he went to Chicago, because now he will make Dennis Rodman look like a good guy.

Many wondered if Belle would be the same kind of player in Chicago. Belle wasn't concerned. He said he can curse at reporters and chase down 16 year-olds in his jeep no matter what city he's in.

Marlins owner Wayne Huizeinga spent a ton of money

during the off-season to build a championship team. Included in that was the hiring of Jim Leyland, probably the best manager in the game. The funny thing for Leyland is that he's probably only the third best coach/manager in Miami, because of Jimmy Johnson being with the Dolphins and Pat Riley with the Heat.

As far as Leyland goes, another team should have been in position to make a run at him. Instead, they showed why they are the Mets.

Dallas Green did a good job for that team, but last year, because of injuries, overly inflated expectations for their young pitch-

ers, and a bullpen that has more holes in it than a colander, they weren't going anywhere. Had they retained Green until the end of the year, they could have re-evaluated the situation and made an offer to Leyland.

Mets' GM Joe MacIlvaine, though, had already made up his mind that Bobby Valentine would be the next manager of the Mets. From what I've seen of Valentine, he should stick to managing sports bars. By the way, the Mets went out of their way during the off-season to improve the bullpen. And what a great job they've done. The Mets bullpen is a sizzling 0-5 thus far.

By Rob Sawicki

Now that there's inter-league play this year, the Mets and Yankees will meet for the first time in the regular season. The first game will take place July 16 at Yankee Stadium. There's nothing better in all of sports than when two New York teams get together and battle for Big Apple bragging rights. A gathering of 50,000 drunken New Yorkers rooting for two different teams. I don't suppose that's an appropriate time to have Bat Day at the Stadium.

Lady bowlers to compete in nationals

By Corinne Waldhiem
Assistant Sports Editor

In just four years, the Sacred Heart women's bowling program has made remarkable progress in national circles.

In 1994, they were dubbed a "Cinderella team" by the Knoxville Sentinel when they finished 11th in the Intercollegiate Bowling Championships in Tennessee. The following year they returned to the IBC and placed sev-

enth in Kansas City.

This season the Pioneers received superior recognition in the last of three Bowling Writers Association of America rankings. On March 30, the ladies learned the team was positioned fifth in the nation. They have jumped 13 positions since this year's first ranking came out.

"It is very exciting to be ranked so high when it is only my first year," said freshman Lisa Laursen of Staten Island, N.Y.

"This is my college dream come true," said Chrissy Anania,

a freshman from Bristol, R.I.

The women have proven their talent repeatedly, notably in December, when the ladies entered the finals of the Brunswick Northeast Showdown after beating third-ranked Erie C.C.

In March, SHU finished second behind Nebraska, but beat the Cornhuskers in head-to-head competition. Second- and fourth-ranked Morehead State and Wichita State finished behind the Pioneers.

The Pioneers departed for Kansas City yesterday to com-

pete for the national title. Last night included a practice session.

Today's schedule begins with two four-game blocks. In the evening, a Collegiate Honors program will be held to recognize Team and Academic All-Americans.

"This is my college dream come true!"

On Saturday, teams will compete in four more team games as well as two eight-game blocks of

baker. The baker format includes all five team members rolling two frames of one individual game. The first bowler shoots the first and sixth frames, the second rolls the second and seventh frames, etc. This will be followed by the step-ladder finals, to be televised in the afternoon.

"Going to nationals is a great feeling," said Cheryl Ninno, a junior from Rye Brook, N.Y., about her third trip to the nationals. "We have a talented team and I think we have a great chance of winning."

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SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY PIONEERS

Mazzeo leads laxmen over Bentley

Pioneers look to knock-off third-ranked N.Y. Tech today at Campus Field

By Brad Wilson
Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart men's lacrosse team rebounded from a 16-6 loss to second-ranked Adelphi on March 29 with a 17-10 victory over Bentley on Apr. 2 in a re-match of last year's

ECAC Championship game. The Pioneers won the title, 11-8.

After the snow was plowed from Campus Field in the morning, Sacred Heart used a three-goal and four-assist performance from senior Mike Mazzeo of Darien to defeat seventh-ranked Bentley.

"Recently, I made the tran-

sition from midfield to attack," said Mazzeo. "Chuck Chiodo and Chris Lukowski have taken me under their wing at the position and I feel us, along with the rest of the offensive unit, are clicking."

The Pioneers (5-2) fell to fifth in the national polls prior to the contest, but that did not stop

Sacred Heart from jumping out to a 7-2 lead. Bentley battled back in the second quarter to close within two by the half, 9-7, but the Pioneers pulled away in the second half en route to a convincing victory.

"Besides the lapse in the second quarter, we were able to dominate the game," said Coach Tom Mariano. "The guys realized that Bentley wasn't going to give up and they picked up the intensity level when we really needed it."

In addition to Mazzeo's efforts, Sacred Heart sophomore Chris Lukowski of West Genesee, N.Y., scored three goals and three assists. Senior Jason Colapinto (Deer Park, N.Y.) netted four goals, while junior Brad Wilson (Clifton Park, N.Y.) added three and senior Matt Krepil (Babylon, N.Y.), two.

This afternoon, Sacred Heart will play a crucial game in terms of keeping its national title hopes alive, facing third-ranked New York Tech at 4 p.m. on Campus Field.

"Tech is a good team that plays a tough, aggressive style of

lacrosse," said Mariano. "This time of the season we need to play 60 minutes of mistake-free lacrosse. It should be an interesting game between two teams who have to win."

Last year, Sacred Heart was defeated by then top-ranked N.Y. Tech, 13-11, in a hard-fought contest.

To avenge last season's loss, the Pioneers will need a solid defensive effort to stop Tech's Joe Brock, who had 30 goals and 41 assists last season and was the 1997 pre-season pick as Division II Player of the Year.

"Defensively, our play in settled situations has been great, but against Tech we need to better our play in unsettled situations and really focus on taking Brock out of the game," said junior defenseman Brian Micena of Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y.

SHU scorers (goals, assists):
Mike Mazzeo 3-4, Chris Lukowski 3-3, Jason Colapinto 4-0, Brad Wilson 3-0, Matt Krepil 2-0, T.J. Howard 1-1, Chuck Chiodo 1-0, Kenny Martin 0-1.



Junior T.J. Howard of Corning, N.Y., defends a Bentley College player in Sacred Heart's 17-10 victory on Apr. 2 at Campus Field. Photo by John Wilson

Solid hitting helps baseball get back to .500 mark

By Lauren Wiggins
Staff Writer

The baseball team climbed back to the .500 mark after finishing the week 4-1-1. The Pioneers improved their overall record to 10-10-1 and their NECC record to 3-0-1 after posting wins against the University of Bridgeport, Al-

bany, and Quinnipiac this past week.

"We're starting to jell and hit the ball well," said freshman second baseman Vic Rinaldi. As a result of its improved hitting, SHU produced 38 runs in the Albany and Quinnipiac doubleheaders.

On Sunday, Sacred Heart split with Quinnipiac, dropping the first game, 14-10, but winning the

second, 12-6. Don Saladino, the designated hitter, hurt Quinnipiac at the plate by going 6-for-8 with four runs and three RBI.

In Saturday's two-game sweep over Albany, SHU scored 16 runs on 16 hits, winning by scores of 7-6 and 9-2. David Lynch, last week's NECC "Rookie of the Week," was solid at the plate in the first game, going 3-

for-3 with two doubles and three RBI.

On the mound, pitching solidly for the Pioneers were John Hart and Ray Turner. Turner got the win in game two with a complete-game three-hitter, bringing his record to 2-1 on the season.

In the Bridgeport doubleheader on Apr. 2, Mike Clark had a complete game shutout in game

one as the Pioneers rolled over Bridgeport 10-0. Game two ended in a 3-3 tie after seven innings. Sacred Heart managed three runs on for hits as UB matched SHU's three runs on only three hits.

The Pioneers hope to climb above .500 as they take on Concordia and Keene State this week.

White and Stark lead softball to victory in opening NECC games

By Julie Nevero
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart women's softball team moved into contention in the New England Collegiate Conference by sweeping opponents Albany and Franklin Pierce in home doubleheaders this past weekend. The women now stand at 6-12-1 overall, but a seamless 4-0 in the NECC.

The back-to-back sweeps were important to the Lady Pioneers if they are going to uphold their tradition of 16 straight seasons with 20 wins or more.

On Saturday, SHU defeated

Albany, 2-1, in the first game and 3-2, in the second. Senior right-hander Vicki White (Ansonia) recorded both wins. The opener was decided in the eighth inning.

Franklin Pierce fell Sunday where White notched her first shutout of the season in game one, 1-0.

The Lady Pioneers posted their first blowout of the season, defeating Pierce, 12-3, in the nightcap. Prior to the sweep, the Pioneers were averaging just over two runs per contest.

White recorded three of the four wins, while sophomore Nicki Menard (Franklin, Vt.) won

the other.

All-Northeast centerfielder Jen Stark led the team in hitting in three of the four games, going 10-15. White had a total of 12 strikeouts in her games.

"We played well," said Stark, a senior from Pompton Lakes, N.J. "They were good wins that, hopefully, will turn our season around."

After 19 games, Stark leads the team with a .370 batting average and White holds a 3.48 ERA.

The Lady Pioneers will play another doubleheader this Saturday in a home contest against Keene State College.



Senior Vicki White of Ansonia pitched Sacred Heart to three of the teams four wins last weekend. Photo by Lora Marcella